

MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, March 16TH, 2006

Present: Jean Bonander, Chair
Alan Zahradnik
Andy Preston
Karen Nygren
Mervin Giacomini
Bob Brown
Andrea Feit-Dougan, Alternate
Mike DiGiorgio
Rabi Elias, Alternate
Luke McCann

Absent: Amy Van Doren
Dana Whitson
Farhad Mansourian

Staff Members Present: Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director
Craig Tackabery, Marin County Assistant Public Works
Director
Hank Hauge, Nolte Associates

Chair Bonander called the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 3:48 p.m.

1. Introductions

Committee members and staff did self-introductions.

2. Staff Comments

Craig Tackabery informed the TAC members that there would be a bid award delay for the next phase of the Route 101 Gap Closure Project through Central San Rafael.

He also stated that he would provide information on the \$25 Million Nonmotorized Pilot Program at the next TAC meeting.

He informed the TAC that Carol Dillion-Knutson will be representing Novato on the TAM Board of Commissioners.

3. Committee Member Comments

Luke McCann thanked the TAM staff for the presentation on the crossing guard program to the Marin County Superintendents meeting on Feb 1st.

Andrea Feit-Dougan requested information on why bid prices are allowed to change following project award. The low bidder is awarded the project and then price goes up. Craig Tackabery explained that unforeseen conditions creating change orders can result in an increase in the project cost.

Chair Bonander informed the TAC that the TAM Board of Commissioners approved the crossing guard locations recommended by the TAC.

4. Open Time for Public Expression

None.

5. Consent Calendar

Meeting Minutes

M/S Preston/DiGiorgio to approve the February 16, 2006 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously (with Andrea Feit-Dougan abstaining).

6. Measure A Strategy 3, Major Roads and Related Infrastructure

Craig Tackabery provided an overview of the prioritization methodology and the schedule. He also reviewed the Novato and the Corte Madera information received since the February meeting.

Merv Giacomini provided additional information on the bike and pedestrian activities based on a review of the Bicycle Master Plans. He was also concerned that the ranking of the projects reflected a “pothole” measure versus consideration of other factors.

Andy Preston said that he and other public works directors have received many calls from residents to fix the streets, and that the public works directors are getting a different message of what the public wants addressed.

Karen Nygren stated that the Measure was to provide “congestion relief.”

Dianne Steinhauser stated that there was limited money available and that with the cost of projects it wouldn’t go far.

Jean Bonander said that there will never be enough money for all the projects and that she felt that the TAC did a good job of balancing the concerns.

Andrea Feit-Dougan stated that perception is very important and that the TAC should make sure that information on the process was available to the public. Jean Bonander pointed out that the Citizens Oversight Committee regularly reports to the community on TAM activities.

The first level of priority major infrastructure projects, as shown on the evaluation table, were identified, as follows:

- Northern Marin
City of Novato – Novato Blvd between Diablo Avenue and San Marin Drive

- Central Marin
City of San Rafael – 4th Street between Red Hill Avenue and Grand Avenue
- Ross Valley
County of Marin – Sir Francis Drake Blvd between US 101 and Wolfe Grade and between Wolfe Grade and the Ross City limit. (note: these two segments tied in their scoring, so the County will come back with a proposal as to which goes first)
- Southern Marin
City of Mill Valley – Miller Avenue between Camino Alto and Throckmorton Avenue
- Western Marin
County of Marin – Sir Francis Drake Blvd between Samuel P. Taylor and the Platform bridge.

M/S Zahradnik /Nygren to approve the Regional Roads prioritization. The motion was approved unanimously.

Craig Tackabery informed the TAC that the project proponents would be requested to bring the projects to the TAC for review. Staff will also report to the TAM Board on the TAC findings and incorporate the projects into the Strategic Plan. He also pointed out that projects with other funding resources that leverage Measure A funds would be considered.

Open Discussion

None.

7. Adjourn to April 20, 2006 meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm